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FEELING A LITTLE BURNED OUT

Crowds of people stopped and watched as a minivan burst into flames after getting stuck on the meridian near Portage Avenue and Carlton Street over the lunch hour Tuesday. Emergency crews were called to the scene around 12:50 p.m. and Portage was blocked in both directions for about 30 minutes while the fire was put out. No one was injured, and the cause is under investigation. The van was a total loss. SHANE GIBSON/METRO

Compromise sought to ease Gaza blockade

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Do you dare to eat a peach? Definitely, with this delicious and summery dish of grilled peach and greens with yogurt dressing PAGE 14

Near miss at Winnipeg airport under investigation

Runway confusion. TSB looking into incident at Richardson International that saw two airplanes nearly colliding Monday

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The Transportation Safety Board of Canada (TSB) is investigating at Richardson International Airport in Winnipeg after a landing airplane nearly collided with another plane on Monday morning.

A WestJet 737 was about to touch down on the airport's newly renovated Runway 36 at around 9 a.m. when it had to pull back into the air to avoid a taxiing Dash 8-400 operated by WestJet Encore, according to Peter Hildebrand of the TSB.

"They got a little too close to the runway before they stopped to let the other aircraft land," explained Hildebrand, who couldn't say just how close the two planes actually came to colliding. "We don't have an exact number yet — we're just in the starting phase of the investigation."

Hildebrand said the investigation would include taking photos and measurements on the runway, as well as conducting interviews and reviewing radar records and flight data recorder information.

He said that the passengers on both flights likely wouldn't have noticed the near miss.

"The passengers on the Boeing would have known that they were going around doing another circuit," Hildebrand said, "but other than that they probably wouldn't have known that anything significant was underway."

Felicia Wiltshire, spokesperson for the Winnipeg Airports Authority, said details on what caused the confusion on the runway would be made public in a report from the TSB once their investigation is complete.

"That's exactly why the TSB is called in in these scenarios," she said. "So they can find out exactly what went wrong."

Both Wiltshire and the TSB told Metro no one was injured in the near miss.

The WAA reopened the runways late last week after months of repairs. Hildebrand said the fact the runway had just recently reopened likely had nothing to do with the incident.

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Louis Riel division

Board candidate mocked over abstinence-only views on sex ed

A Manitoba Progressive Conservative youth leader and school board candidate ignited an online backlash after saying she supports abstinence-only sex education.

Candace Maxymowich issued several socially conservative messages on Twitter on Tuesday, including mentions of pro-life organizations. The 20-year-old, who is running to be a public school board trustee in the Louis Riel school division in Winnipeg, garnered the most controversy with a tweet about sex ed.

"Personally, I do not support sex education other than abstinence," it read. Another tweet referred to the "moral integrity" of children.

The response was immediate. Many commenters called her backward and argued that teens need to be educated about contraception to prevent pregnancy and disease.

"Are we going back to the Dark Age?" read one comment.

Maxymowich said she was not trying to campaign on the issue and was only expressing her personal opinion.

"There are certainly issues relating to family values and religious freedoms in schools that I think school trustee candidates shouldn't really shy away from," she said in an interview.

"If I were to be elected, I'm not necessarily going to be pushing for that in our schools."

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Coun. Paula Havixbeck said the city needs case management workers to help citizens navigate the municipal system. BERNICE PONTANILLA/METRO

City needs a 'customer focus,' says Havixbeck

Mayoral race. Property owner inconvenienced by cave-in says city has no system for response

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Winnipeg City Hall needs work when it comes to customer satisfaction, argues a mayoral candidate with plans for improvement.

Coun. Paula Havixbeck announced on Tuesday that if elected mayor, she'll introduce a case management system and one point person for "complex issues," making navigating the municipal structure easier for citizens.

She'd also require city staff to take a daylong customer service workshop.

"We will work towards being a customer-focused organization, one that is revitalized," she said.

Havixbeck made her announcement just across the street from a building at the corner of Sargent Avenue and McMicken Street that was undergoing extensive renovations until the city-owned sidewalk caved in.

In it to win it

Coun. Paula Havixbeck said she has no plans to quit the race and will be holding more policy announcements over time.

Sal Infantino, who owns the property and X-Cues Billiards and Café, said city officials are still determining what caused the sidewalk to drop, since there are water, sewer and street-drainage lines in that area.

Infantino said the building was 75 per cent complete when the cave-in happened.

"We've already invested quite a bit of money," he said.

Infantino said he's dealt with a half-dozen staff members already.

"I can't blame those guys 'cause they've actually come in and tried to help me. The problem is they don't have a system," he said.

"My inspector, he's been great; his boss has been great; like everybody has been good, but there's no system in place."

Ages 15 and 16. Two girls accused of stabbing and robbing woman

Two teen girls are facing aggravated assault and robbery charges in the stabbing of a 21-year-old woman in the north end.

Winnipeg police said the victim was robbed and stabbed at about 9:45 p.m. Monday in the area of Manitoba Avenue and Parr Street.

The suspects allegedly confronted the victim and stabbed her several times before robbing her.

Police said the duo fled but were tracked down in the 700 block of Dufferin Avenue with the help of the canine unit.

The property of the victim, who is now in stable condition, was recovered, as well as a knife.

The two accused are 15 and 16 years old and have been detained at the Manitoba Youth Centre.

Police said their investigation continues. METRO

Critical injuries

Selkirk Avenue open after assault

Winnipeg police have a man in custody over a serious assault that closed Selkirk Avenue to traffic on Tuesday.

Police said a 19-year-old man was found at about 1:30 a.m. Tuesday with serious injuries after being assaulted. He was taken to hospital in critical condition but has since been upgraded to stable. Police said a 27-year-old man is in custody and charges are pending. METRO

Firefighter sent to hospital

A firefighter needed medical attention following a blaze at a home in the Sturgeon Creek neighbourhood Monday night. Fire crews were called to 639 Muriel St. around 8 p.m. The firefighter was taken to hospital as a precaution and was later released. SHANE GIBSON/METRO

Crown won't retry father for murder in twin girls' deaths

Nelson Hart is pictured in court in Gander, N.L., on March 26, 2007. TARA BRAUTIGAM/THE CANADIAN PRESS

'Mr. Big sting.' Supreme Court said that Nelson Hart's confession, which was used convict him of murder in 2007, couldn't be used against him

A Newfoundland man convicted of drowning his twin daughters after a so-called Mr. Big sting by the RCMP will not face a new trial after the Supreme Court of Canada ruled what he told police officers is inadmissible.

Hart, now 45, was to be released to an undisclosed location after nine years behind bars. The Crown said it couldn't retry him for murder in the deaths of his three-year-old daughters, Karen and Krista, who wound up in the water near a boat launch called Little Harbour on Aug. 4, 2002.

Lawyers for Hart say there is no evidence of a crime without the confession given during an elaborate police sting.

Hart's conviction in 2007 by a jury in the drowning deaths of his three-year-old twin daughters at Gander Lake was initially overturned on appeal in 2012.

The Supreme Court of Canada upheld that decision last week, ruling a confession Hart gave to police posing as mobsters cannot be used against him.

Hart has maintained that the deaths of his daughters, Karen and Krista, were accidental but changed his story about what happened.

RCMP launched the Mr. Big sting in February 2005 and spent about $413,000 over four months while officers posing as gangsters recruited Hart to join their crime network. Lawyers for Hart at his appeal stressed that he had a Grade 5 education, was on social assistance and was easily led.

They said that he was especially vulnerable to the Mr. Big tactic used by police across Canada to extract confessions of prior crimes. THE CANADIAN PRESS

'Horrendous night.' Search for two missing girls ends with joyful family reunion

A frantic search for two young girls who were missing for about 17 hours at a campground near Calabogie, Ont., ended in smiles, as the nine- and 11-year-old girls were rescued in dramatic fashion Tuesday afternoon by the OPP.

The girls spent a night alone in the woods after wandering too far during a game of manhunt, making for a "horrendous" night for family back at the campsite.

Nine-year-old Elya Munro and her 11-year-old cousin Ember Greatrix were rescued after an intense 16-hour search that involved about 30 officers in a helicopter, ATVs, boats and on foot. It was a voice call that eventually found the lost girls about two kilometres in thick bush. Paramedics delivered the girls back to family in an ATV for a reunion that had parents and grandparents in tears.

"We are so relieved," said Elya's grandmother Helene Ripley, fighting back tears just minutes after the girls were returned. She said the girls slept under a tree overnight and Elya's parents began crying when they saw OPP drive up with them on their ATV.

"We are absolutely thrilled; it was a horrendous night."

Paramedics became concerned that the girls were suffering from hypothermia and dehydration, especially since a thunderstorm ripped through the area overnight. But the girls were found with only minor scratches and bumps. TREVOR GREENWAY/METRO IN OTTAWA

Elya Munro, 9, and her 11-year-old cousin Ember Greatrix, who went missing after a game of hide-and-seek, ride on an ATV with Renfrew OPP. TREVOR GREENWAY/METRO IN OTTAWA

Calgary police probing murder case in Mexico

Nathan O'Brien and his grandmother Kathy Liknes. COURTESY CALGARY POLICE SERVICE/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Calgary police investigators are in Mexico as part of an ongoing investigation into the disappearance and presumed murder of a five-year-old boy and his grandparents.

The bodies of Nathan O'Brien and Alvin and Kathy Liknes have not been recovered since the three disappeared from the couple's Calgary home June 29, but police have laid three murder charges.

The couple had been having an estate sale that weekend as they downsized ahead of a move to Edmonton and then to a residence in Mexico.

A Calgary police spokeswoman confirmed Tuesday that officers are in Mexico.

"It's just making sure that all the avenues are covered. There's nothing to it other than just crossing t's and dotting the i's," said Emma Poole.

Douglas Garland, 54, is facing two charges of first-degree murder and one count of second-degree murder.

Garland was initially considered a person of interest in the case and was held on an identity theft charge unrelated to the disappearance of the trio.

Garland had lived for several years in Vancouver using the identity of a dead person. Police alleged he was using that identity again when they brought him in for questioning in the missing-persons case. That charge has now been stayed by the Crown.

Garland is scheduled to return to court next week on the murder charges. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Brandon, Man.

Bird-feeder cat can now eat and drink

A cat that has been roaming around with a bird feeder stuck on its head has gained a bit of freedom. It appears some of the feeder has fallen off and the cat named Butterscotch can now eat and drink.

The cat's predicament was first spotted July 23 and the Brandon and Area Lost Animals group has been trying to capture the kitty ever since. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Abbotsford, B.C.

Thief forced boy to help steal

Abbotsford police say a thief forced a 13-year-old boy to help him search the teen's home in a search for valuables to steal. The boy was playing on an electronic device when a man broke into his home on May 15, according to Abbotsford police. The man first locked the boy in the bathroom, then later forced him to help search for more valuables. EMILY JACKSON/METRO IN VANCOUVER

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Air travel during Ebola outbreak

Precautions. What are airlines doing to ease flyers' concerns?

As the Ebola outbreak in West Africa grows, airlines around the globe are closely monitoring the situation but have yet to make any drastic changes. Here are some key questions about Ebola and what airlines are doing to contain it.

Q: Why are airlines so concerned?
A: Airlines quickly take passengers from one part of the globe to another. With some germs, one sick passenger on a plane could theoretically infect hundreds of people who are connecting to flights to dozens of other countries. Health and airline officials note, however, that Ebola only spreads through direct contact. Outbreaks of diseases that can spread through the air, such as the flu and severe acute respiratory syndrome (SARS), are more problematic for airlines.

Q: Should people travel to West Africa?
A: The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention on Thursday issued a warning for Americans to avoid non-essential travel to the West African nations of Guinea, Liberia and Sierra Leone.

Q: Is Ebola deadly?
A: Very much so. If contracted, there is no vaccine and no specific treatment. The World Health Organization estimated Monday that there have been 887 deaths from the current Ebola outbreak. That translates to a fatality rate of about 60 per cent.

Q: How is Ebola transmitted?
A: The virus only spreads through direct contact with the blood or fluids of an infected person, according to the CDC. It can also be spread through objects, such as needles, that have been contaminated with infected fluids. No airborne transmission has been documented.

Q: Are passengers leaving Africa being screened?
A: Since the outbreak erupted, the CDC has sent about two dozen staffers in West Africa to help try to track cases, set up emergency response operations and provide other help to control the outbreak. Last week, CDC officials said the agency will send 50 more in the next month. CDC workers in Africa also are helping to screen passengers at airports, according to CDC director Dr. Tom Frieden.

Q: Has the airline industry dealt with any outbreaks in the past?
A: In 2003, there was a global outbreak of SARS. During the 2003 outbreak, 8,098 people worldwide became sick with SARS; 774 of those died. Airports started screening incoming passengers for fever. The disease was devastating for airlines because fearful passengers stayed home.

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Sierra Leone police officers hold up posters on Monday as they try to educate people about the deadly Ebola virus in the city of Freetown, Sierra Leone.

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Experimental drug

Canada's contribution to fighting Ebola virus

Canadian research is at the heart of an experimental Ebola therapy recently given to two American aid workers infected while caring for patients in Liberia.

The unlicensed drug, called ZMapp, is made of three monoclonal antibodies, disease-fighting proteins that target a specific part of an invading pathogen, in this case the Ebola Zaire virus — the specific strain of Ebola responsible for this outbreak.

Two of the monoclonal antibodies are the product of years of research done at the Public Health Agency of Canada's National Microbiology Laboratory in Winnipeg, the agency said.

The third was developed at the U.S. Army Medical Research Institute of Infectious Diseases, known as USAMRIID.

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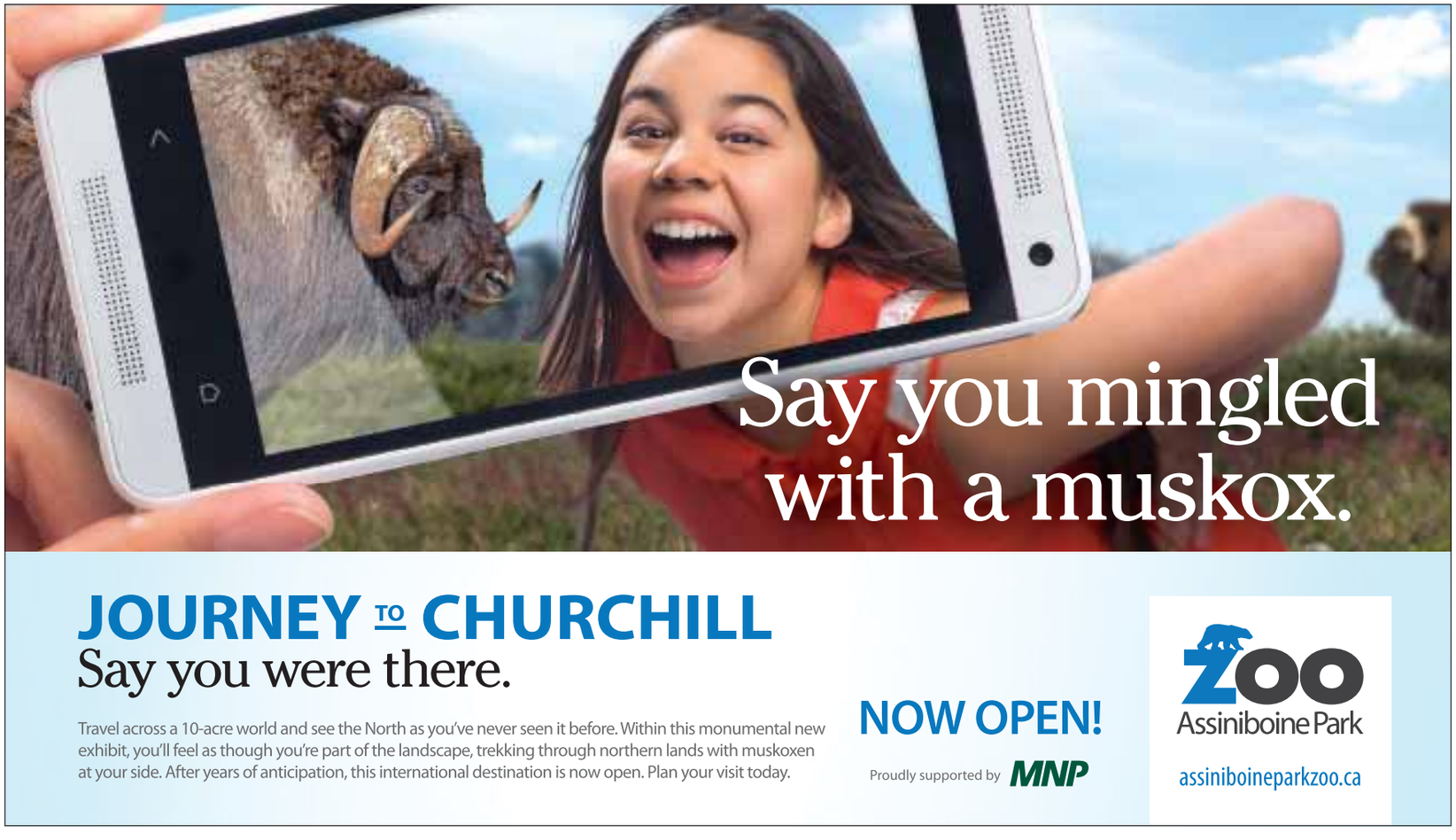
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Israel, Hamas to negotiate new Gaza border deal

Ceasefire. Hamas has signalled flexibility on ceding some authority to Palestinian president in Gaza

An Israeli soldier gives direction to a tank as it is loaded onto a truck in a staging area near the Israel-Gaza border, Tuesday. TSAFRIR ABAYOV/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

The outlines of a solution for battered, blockaded Gaza are emerging after Tuesday's tentative Israel-Hamas ceasefire: Norway is organizing a donor conference and Western-backed Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas aims to oversee rebuilding and reassert his authority in the territory, lost to Hamas in 2007.

Forces loyal to Abbas would be deployed at Gaza's crossings to encourage Israel and Egypt to lift the closure they imposed after the Hamas takeover.

Indirect Israel-Hamas talks in Cairo are to tackle the details. The hope is that promises of a better life for Gazans will coax compromise and avert what had been looking like a fight to the finish.

The gaps remain wide, especially between Israel and Hamas.

Israel says it has inflicted a painful blow to Hamas' military capabilities in the month-long fighting and wants to make sure the group cannot re-arm if border restrictions are eased.

"The extent to which we are going to be ready to co-operate with the efforts to have better access and movement in Gaza will deeply depend on the kind of arrangements that would secure our peace and security," said Yossi Kuperwasser, a senior official in Israel's Strategic Affairs Ministry.

Hamas, in turn, has signalled flexibility on ceding some authority to Abbas in Gaza, but insists on having a say on reconstruction and that it will not disarm.

Izzat Rishq, a senior Hamas official, said disarming isn't up for discussion. "We'd take the life of anyone who tries to take the weapons of resistance," he said. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Summer jobs won't cover tuition costs come fall: Survey

CIBC report. While most students are working right now, they say they won't earn enough to pay their costs during the upcoming school year

While most Canadian students are working this summer, most of them won't make enough money to cover their college or university costs.

That's according to a new study by CIBC, which estimates that 65 per cent of college or university students currently have a paying summer job, and that most plan to spend their earnings on school.

But among those who responded to a Leger online poll conducted for the bank, 73 per cent said they will need to work during the upcoming year to support their university or college expenses.

Of the 500 people who took part in the poll, a majority of the students who are working this summer expected to earn between $1,001 and $5,000, and about one-quarter expected to earn between $5,001 and $10,000.

The poll found that 45 per cent of the students were making $11 per hour or less, and 60 per cent were working part-time hours.

Another 20 per cent of those surveyed said they had been looking for summer work but were unable to find anything, as well as 10 per cent not working for the summer and five per cent who are working at a volunteer or unpaid position.

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Make a budget

"The reality is that many students rely on their summer earnings to help pay for their college and university education," says Christina Kramer, executive vice-president of retail and business banking at CIBC.

- Kramer says it's crucial for students to create and stick to a realistic budget while working in the summer to make it easier to manage expenses once back at school.

Time to start reading those terms and conditions ...

Facebook recently made downloading its Messenger app mandatory in order to send messages on mobile devices as it removes the inbox from the main app. Concerns over privacy began swirling this past week following media reports detailing what the app is capable of doing on Android devices. This includes: calling phone numbers without your intervention and sending text messages; recording audio with the microphone, and taking photos and videos with the camera, without your confirmation; and reading your phone's call log. Facebook has defended its app by saying it's not so different than others, adding companies must ask for various permissions all at once in order for its app to function properly.

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Waterloo, Ont.

BlackBerry ends 3 years of layoffs

Three years of widespread layoffs at BlackBerry are finally over, according to an internal memo from the company's chief executive officer. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Africa's economy is blossoming, but will it last?

They export BMWs and birdseed and plenty in between. Their middle class is growing fast enough to draw the likes of Marriott and Wal-Mart. China, Europe, Japan and the United States are vying to build roads and power plants there.

No longer are the nations of sub-Saharan Africa, long a symbol of war, famine and corruption, an economic basket case. Six of the world's fastest-growing economies are there. Higher oil prices, richer consumers and sounder governments have raised so much interest in Africa's economic promise that it's being showcased this week at the first U.S.-Africa Leaders Summit in Washington.

The question is: Can all this endure?

Africa has stood on the verge of prosperity before only to see its opportunities fizzle. Yet never before has it stood to benefit as it does now.

As African leaders gather to mark a decade of economic gains, they appear intent on sustaining the growth and ensuring that the benefits are spread broadly and not siphoned away by corrupt officials and foreign companies.

In the decades after many of the countries regained their independence in the 1960s, their natural resources — Nigerian oil, Liberian diamonds, Congolese copper and cobalt — failed to support durable growth. They sometimes proved a curse: Proceeds would vanish into Swiss bank accounts of corrupt leaders and give armed factions something to fight over.

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PRIVACY IS WHAT YOU MAKE OF IT

JUST SAYIN'

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I recently read an article in the Washington Post that asked if there was still such a thing as privacy.

A subsequent piece in the Guardian claimed that the slogan for the modern age is: Privacy is dead. Get over it.

Then, I found myself privy to a dispute between a teenage girl who went out partying, when she was supposed to be staying at her friend's house. She pleaded "breach of privacy" after her caper was foiled when her parents checked her Twitter account, which had followers favouriting the Instagram photo that ultimately betrayed her. But the stupidity of that escapade not withstanding, the underlying grievance is one as old as Adam and Eve: Breach of privacy.

Last year, when Edward Snowden revealed that the National Security Agency may have "misused" surveillance technology, everyone was astonished.

There are vulnerabilities that come with relying on technology, not the least of which is that people can enter our home without ever entering our home, but knowing that, perhaps we should maintain a little control over what we can control when we shout from the virtual mountaintops.

What? You mean every time I post personal details about my life on Facebook, like "making out with random stranger at da club," "crossing the border to do some shopping," or "flashing boobs for beads at Mardi Gras" for everyone to see, someone actually sees them?

Here's the thing about privacy: Nobody ever cares about it until it's breached. It's a God-given right that is taken for granted until it's no longer there.

And the more personal information you post online, the more the World Wide Web knows you. If you've ever bought anything or banked online, it knows your credit card, PIN and how many times you've gone into overdraft. It knows your boyfriend's cheating before you ever see the naked double selfie-film posted on Vine. It knows that despite all your vegan moralizations, you succumbed to a cheeseburger while vacationing in Calgary because it was captured by someone filming grandpa's 97th birthday that ended up on YouTube.

The meaning of privacy is going to change, if it hasn't already.

It used to mean, "Don't read my diary," or "Stop knocking. I'm in here!", but now it may mean telling pals not to share posts that were designated for friends, unless specified for "friends of friends."

The worst part is, you can't take any of it back.

Anything that's out there is public. The only thing you can do is treat social media like that one mate we all have with the big mouth, and tell that person only what you want everyone to know. Just sayin'.

Ganesh knows how to party

An Indian Muslim man pedals his bicycle past idols of Hindu god Ganesh displayed on a footpath, for sale ahead of Ganesh Chaturthi festival in Bangalore, India, Tuesday. While the festival won't begin until Aug. 29 this year, preparations have been going on for months. The festival celebrates the birthday of the elephant-headed deity.
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Hindus prepare for Ganesh Chaturthi festival

Ganesh Chaturthi is celebrated by Hindus around the world as the birthday of Lord Ganesh.

It is observed during the Hindu month of Bhadra (mid-August to mid-September) and the grandest and most elaborate of the celebrations, especially in the western India state of Maharashtra, lasts for 10 days.

Lifelike clay models of Lord Ganesh are made two to three months prior to the festival. The size of the idols may vary from three-quarters of an inch to more than 25 feet.

On the first day, they are placed on raised platforms in homes or in elaborately decorated outdoor tents for people to view and pay their homage. A priest, usually clad in a red silk dhoti and shawl, is then said to invoke life into the idol amidst the chanting of mantras. After this, tributes of coconut, red flowers and other items are offered and the idol is anointed with red paste.

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And on the 11th day ...

For 10 days, Ganesh is worshipped.

- On the 11th day, the image is taken through the streets in a procession accompanied with dancing and singing, to be immersed in a river or the sea symbolizing a ritual sendoff for Ganesh's journey back home while taking with him all the misfortunes of all man.

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Beckon them home with the Trombovine

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Derek Klingenberg is as close to a viral farmer as it gets, which — wait — that doesn't sound right. Take two. Derek Klingenberg scored a viral prize a while back with his farmer's take on the only-need-to-hear-it-once hit What Does The Fox Say. Having caught the YouTube fame bug, he's back again — this time treating his cattle herd to a trombovine serenade of Royals, a song we hope has a little more staying power. The muttered mooing at the end is griping about not hearing Team instead. (Farmer Derek Klingenberg/YouTube)

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SCENE 2

Turtles' shell life extended

Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles. Coming together to save the world once again

NED EHRBAR
Metro World News in Hollywood

South African director Jonathan Liebesman knew that taking on as storied and popular a pop culture franchise as the Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles wasn't without its own unique challenges.

Chief among them? Even diehard fans argue about what exactly counts as gospel when it comes to Leonardo, Michelangelo, Donatello and Raphael.

But then again Liebesman likes a challenge.

How do you decide what's canon and what's not for this franchise?
For me, I was a huge fan of the cartoons and the movies. I didn't know a lot about the comic books until I met Kevin Eastman and read the comics. What was important were touchstones such as pizza and cowabunga, but their personalities were what was most important. There are those tropes, for sure. I think it's like a dysfunctional family that has to come together to save the world.

In the age of Man of Steel and The Dark Knight, you have to make sure audiences know this isn't meant to be taken seriously, right?
That's what I love about the Turtles. I feel like the stuff that I became a fan of was actually the parody of superheroes, the fact that they are so absurd — the combination of teenage, mutant, ninja and turtles is so ridiculous that we do want to laugh. And the more I got into the movie the more I wanted it to be funny because the more I wanted to try and point out how ridiculous it is without undermining the world.

You have a battle on top of a skyscraper and actually show debris hitting the ground, which is oddly rare in a film.
Those shots can be expensive and studios often say, "No one gives a s— about those people down there. Stick with your movie up there." But actually that was [producer Michael] Bay. It's very important for him to see the world being affected by the action. I think that allowed us to push the studio and say, "We want to be in Times Square," and we were allowed to crash things for your pleasure.

That's got to be a kick.
What's awesome is being there and you can walk through an intersection at your leisure. It's pretty amazing, it's surreal. You think you rule it, and then a cop is like, "Get back behind that barricade." And you're like, "But I'm the director!" And they're like, "Get back or you won't be directing anymore." "OK, OK …"

Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles return to the screen. CONTRIBUTED

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→ Heroes in a half shell? Scan this photo with your Metro News app for a video of the TMNT stars talking about turtle power!

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Fearless four

Reboot rights itself after it turns Turtles

IN FOCUS
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There was a time when the Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles were everywhere, but, like all pop culture fads, eventually Turtle mania played itself out.

This weekend, producer Michael Bay is hoping to give the 20th-century pop culture icons a new lease on life. The release of the new Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles is timed to celebrate the 30th anniversary of the first TMNT comic book.

Turtle groupies spoke up when it was announced that Bay wanted to streamline the title to Ninja Turtles but an even bigger controversy struck in 2012.

"These turtles are from an alien race," said Bay, "and they are going to be tough, edgy, funny, and completely lovable." Seems benign enough, but fans were incensed the producer would take liberties with the origin story. Tough and lovable are OK, but alien? Not so much. According to the canon, the heroes on the half shell were transformed when they came into contact with toxic ooze.

One internet firestorm later — Robbie Rist, who voiced Michelangelo in the original movies, went so far as to accuse Bay of "sodomizing" the franchise. Bay amended the statement, reassuring fans he would stick to the official origin story. They even poke fun at the controversy in the movie.

"So," says Vernon (Will Arnett), "they're aliens?"

"No," replies reporter April O'Neil (Megan Fox), "that's stupid."

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From left, Arkells band members Nick Dika (bass), Anthony Carone (keyboard), Max Kerman (lead vocals/guitar), Mike DeAngelis (vocals/guitar) and Tim Oxford (drums). BROOKS REYNOLDS

Arkells tackle politics of power and privilege

High Noon. Alt rockers' third album gets personal and political

Arkells frontman Max Kerman and guitarist Mike DeAngelis were giddy with excitement after getting their hands on their new album on vinyl between press interviews at Toronto's Liss Gallery.

Kerman thrust it in DeAngelis's arms to hold up like a proud papa so he could capture the moment for Instagram — with hundred of fans immediately hitting "like," proving they're not the only ones excited for the release of High Noon.

The Hamilton, Ont.-based group's third studio album is out this week and the band described it on their blog as their most confrontational record to date.

"One of the jobs of an artist or creative person is to ask tough questions," said Kerman. "I always really appreciate it when pop musicians dive into political matters in thoughtful ways."

Listening to the Clash while writing for High Noon inspired Kerman to insert his personal politics into his writing.

"Making songs that are saying something has always been one of the highest priorities of the band," said Kerman.

He goes on to say there is a particular focus on exploring the relationship between the privilege afforded by money and power and the responsibility that should come with it.

"Fake Money is talking to someone who has been reckless with the power they have," said Kerman of the track that opens the album, a theme also explored on the record's closing track, Systematic.

But ultimately what binds this album to the band's body of work is music that is upbeat and positive, said Kerman.

Never Thought That This Would Happen is an example. It tells the story of making out with an old friend at the Hillside Festival, held annually in Guelph, Ont. The song also chronicles the awkward aftermath of such a scenario.

How songs start

"Ninety-five per cent of them are terrible but five per cent of them are OK, and that's how songs start."

Lead singer Max Kerman said of the song ideas he is constantly logging in his phone.

"Things got weird after the weekend," said Kerman, recalling the lines of the song as DeAngelis laughs.

This song came from just one of the ideas Kerman is constantly logging in his phone.

"Ninety-five per cent of them are terrible but five per cent of them are OK, and that's how songs start," said Kerman.

It's DeAngelis's favourite track on the album because it features many of the new sounds they were trying out.

"The rhythm of it creates an interesting feeling for me that is new for us," he said.

The band worked with producer Tony Hoffer — who has also worked with Beck, M83 and Phoenix — to create this fresh sound.

"These are all bands we are huge fans of so it was an honour to work with him," said DeAngelis.

The band flew to Los Angeles to work with Hopper, but most of the creative process happened closer to home.

"I wanted to find a rehearsal space that was about a 10-minute bicycle ride from my house," said Kerman, explaining why they chose to write the record in Hamilton.

The band hunkered down in an old warehouse — which went through waves of ownership reimagining it as a parish, spice factory and nightclub — last summer and wrote the 11-song record.

They'll be on the road again touring in Germany and the Netherlands soon, returning at the end of the month to play shows in Ontario. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Ariana Grande ALL PHOTOS: GETTY IMAGES

Ariana dumps Aussie beau after his sympathy doesn't extend far enough

These names might not mean anything to you just yet, but pay attention. There will be a quiz later. Singer and Nickelodeon star Ariana Grande has apparently broken up with her Australian boyfriend, Jai Brooks, according to E! News. ("Jai" is Australian for "Jay," just so you know.) So what brought an end to this happy union? Brooks, a member of the prank group the Janoskians did not present the appropriate level of sympathy during Grande's recent personal struggles. "When her grandfather was dying, everyone was there for her," a source says. "People flew to Florida to be with her, but Jai didn't. Ariana just felt he wasn't there like he should have been."

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The Word

Eva gets Sin City poster flap off her chest

NED EHRBAR
Metro in Hollywood

Eva Green doesn't get why everyone is so hung up about her boobs, and we kind of love her for it. When a poster for Sin City: A Dame to Kill For — which featured the actress in a sheer top with the silhouette of her chest visible beneath — prompted outcry, the studio swapped it out with a toned-down version, much to Green's chagrin.

"I mean, the poster, you don't see anything!" the hardly shy actress says. "Just wait for the movie, then. It's in 3D, as well. Enjoy yourself, you know! It was nothing on the poster, it was lots of noise for nothing."

In fact, if it were up to Green, and we kind of wish it were, any outcry would be over something else in the image.

"I'm holding a gun on the poster," she points out. "No big deal about the gun, it's all about my tits?"

To be fair, Ms. Green: Yes.

Vince Vaughn

A villainous Vince Vaughn touted for True Detective's second season

The Internet has had a field day with joke predictions about who will be in Season 2 of HBO's True Detective, but eventually someone has to actually sign on. And it looks like one of those people will be Vince Vaughn, returning to his dramatic roots after a long, long run in the comedy world. Vaughn is said to be in talks to play one of four lead roles in the hit series, which won't see the Season 1 characters played by Matthew McConaughey and Woody Harrelson return. But don't expect Vaughn to be on the right side of the law, as he's said to be considering a villainous role written by series creator Nic Pizzolatto specifically for him.

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Event

Caribbean Food & Wine Festival

Providenciales, Turks and Caicos, is gearing up for this fourth annual festival held at Grace Bay Resorts Nov. 6 to 8. International and local chefs collide with results that make this a sold-out event each year. Special guests include former Top Chef contestant Chef Leah Cohen of New York's Pig & Khao, Chef David Lefevre of Manhattan Beach Post in California and Hans Peter Haider of Hotel12 in Austria, along with vintners from Benziger Family Winery and Cuvaison Estates Wines. Visit caribbeanfoodandwinefestivaltci.com. DOUG WALLACE/METRO

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Boutique hotels and art galleries — the sophisticated side of Vegas

So much more than sinning. Nevada's gambling mecca has grown up and is starting to feel more like a city than a tourist trap

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The High Roller in the LINQ is a 550-foot observation wheel offering epic Vegas views. DAVID BECKER

Online

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Contrary to that old saying about what happens in Vegas stays in Vegas, it's time the word gets out that Sin City isn't all that sinful anymore. With a downtown revitalization — including plans for a world-class art gallery — and changes along the strip, this desert city is no longer all about gambling, thousand-room hotels and sexy shows.

The strip

While stretch SUVs still motor up and down S. Las Vegas Boulevard, around 20 million visitors a year are taking their pedals off the metal and instead hitting the pavement. Recently opened between the historic Flamingo Casino and The Quad, The LINQ is an outdoor shopping, dining and entertainment area featuring the High Roller, a 550-foot observation wheel offering epic views of the city and surrounding mountains.

A draw for visitors, the LINQ is also attracting Vegas residents thanks to popular L.A.-based boutique Kitson (want to dress like your favourite star? Photos hang from the ceiling showing paparazzi shots of young stars wearing their products); Brooklyn Bowl, a combination 32-lane alley and music venue hosting acts like Chvrches and The Avett Brothers; and Polaroid Fotobar, where you download your Twitter, Facebook or Instagram images to print them as Polaroid pictures. The LINQ is just one of the areas being carved out to make the walk between casinos more enjoyable. The Monte Carlo has also pedestrianized its boulevard frontage to include restaurants and specialty stores like BLVD Creamery, with a rotating selection of ice cream flavours — including alcohol-flavoured — made on site.

The hotels

A boutique hotel in Vegas? While other resorts count their rooms in the thousands, The Cromwell features only 188 rooms. It opened this spring at the corner of Las Vegas Boulevard and Flamingo Road. Dark hardwood floors, leather details and patterned pink and burgundy wall coverings create a Paris-meets-Vegas feel to the rooms.

The hotel has already become a must-visit fixture on the strip thanks to celebrity chef Giada De Laurentiis' first restaurant, which bears her name, Giada. Mixing Italian fare with Californian flair, the lemon spaghetti, bacon-wrapped dates and lemon ricotta cookies have already gained a reputation in the city. Cocktails are named after films made by her grandfather, Dino De Laurentiis. You can sip on a Flash (after Flash Gordon), Blue Velvet or Barbarella.

Whether you visit on a sunny afternoon or after dark, you'll find Drai's Beach Club, located on the roof of The Cromwell, a staple of Vegas day- and night-life. The 65,000-square-foot indoor and outdoor club, complete with pool, has the best views of the Bellagio fountains and is a frenetic mix of sun-drenched skin and sweat during the day and DJ-fuelled dancing at night. Other hotels are also betting on the boutique experience. This September, MGM Resorts will open The Delano — a Vegas offshoot of the popular Miami luxury hotel — in a section of its Mandalay Bay property.

The arts district

The point at which the north-south grid system of new Vegas meets the tilted grid of old Vegas will soon be home to The Modern, a 60,000-square-foot contemporary art museum.

The $29-million US project is currently set to open in three years in 18b, an 18-block area that has become known as The Las Vegas Arts District. It is home to Art Square and The Arts Factory — two contemporary art centres featuring a range of artists — and Antiques Alley.

If you find yourself in Vegas at the start of the month, check out First Fridays, a street festival drawing more than 20,000 visitors for a night of food, music and art.

Be sure to also check out Container Park, a new development built out of 43 repurposed shipping containers and featuring a collection of small niche businesses and a treehouse for both parents and children to play in.

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Open air stays for the starry-eyed

Astronomer's delight. Sleeping in the open air has never been more luxe; check out these options around the world

Get the full star treatment at this penthouse suite at Las Ventanas al Paraiso in Mexico / AFP

There's no time like a vacation for taking the time to contemplate the night sky, especially with a supermoon and Perseid meteors set to be visible in some places this month.

If the idea of observing the celestial bodies as you drift off to sleep sounds appealing, this selection of hotels is for you.

Tswalu Kalahari
South Africa

This private game reserve, located in the South African desert, allows nature lovers to sleep while surrounded by the sounds of the bush, all while contemplating the night sky. Guests can sleep on a luxurious terrace built high above the ground to ensure protection from the occasional wild animal. Prices start at around $500 per night. For more information: tswalu.com

Albereta, Italy

The Cabriolet suite in this hotel, a member of the prestigious Relais & Châteaux network, allows guests to sleep under the stars thanks to its retractable roof. At the push of a button by the bed, the roof can be opened and closed as desired. Prices start at around $615. For more information: albereta.it

Amangiri, USA

Located in the desert of southern Utah, this resort boasts no less than six open-roof suites. Each is shielded from the wind by three walls and provides an unmatched view on the vast desert sky. These suites also have a pool, for those who enjoy midnight swims. Prices start at around $1,500. For more information: amanresorts.com/amangiri/home.aspx

Las Ventanas al Paraíso, Mexico

Each of the penthouse suites at this luxury hotel has a wide terrace where a king-size bed has been set up. Guests can begin their evening admiring the night sky from their outdoor bed and end it in the other bed inside, or just stay on the terrace to watch the sunrise. Prices start at around $1,600. For more information: rosewoodhotels.com

Elqui Domos, Chile

A reference among astronomy enthusiasts, this small hotel park invites travellers to stay inside one of several canvas domes. Each of these unusual dwellings contains a bed under a roof that opens partially to offer a view onto the heavens.

Far from the luxury of the above destinations, the domes are simple and sparsely furnished but provide all the basics. Stargazers will also appreciate the dedicated astronomy observatories located on site. Prices start at around $150. For more information: elquidomos.cl AFP

Bucket list

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White water rafting

You have to do this at least once in your life. And the nice thing is, you don't have to leave the country for a full-on multi-sport white water rafting adventure. Most Canadian rafting companies are family-oriented, with one- to seven-day outings in a variety of vessels, with the difficulty ranging from easy to expert. If you're heading west, Kootenay River Runners (raftingtherockies.com) in Radium, B.C. has been taking people down the Kicking Horse and the Kootenay Rivers since 1976. On the other side of the country at Foresters Falls, Ont., the Ottawa River is no slouch for thrills and chills. Two outfits of note there: Wilderness Tours (wildernesstours.com) and Owl Rafting (owl-mkc.ca). DOUG WALLACE/METRO

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Rejuvenate your resumé before the warm weather runs out

Seeking for September. With employers on the search for top candidates this fall, it may be time to sweep the cobwebs from your CV

MEGHAN GREAVES
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There are many things to think about when heading into a high-volume hiring period, such as what you're going to wear to your next networking event. Though your outfit might be your top priority, there is one other thing you need to ensure is perfect: your resumé.

Do some research

Figure out which employers are hiring, what jobs interest you, what skills you need to focus on, and get an overview of the company culture.

If you can get a sense of how many major jobs you'll be applying for, you can plan your time for writing resumés more strategically, and recognize periods where you'll be applying to similar roles, helping you maintain focus.

Tailor, tailor, and tailor

Every employer offers a number of different roles in their organization. It may be tempting to use a generic resumé, but you won't make the cut.

Every job comes with a unique work environment and culture, and you'll need to do all you can to show that your skills, experience and personal disposition equip you for success in that particular setting.

If you don't write a resumé and cover letter (especially the cover letter) from scratch, an employer will be able to tell.

Bunch it in a ball, throw it in a basket and begin to rebuild. ISTOCK

Perfect your content

Be sure to include all the necessary contact information (i.e., full name, permanent address, school address, professional email, two phone numbers). Increasing text size or bolding your name always helps to make your info pop for a reader. Depending on the position, including your professional online profile URL could be a good idea too.

Prep hard and soft copies

Each employer has a different way they'd like you to apply to their opportunities.

Some will take hard copy resumés and some may give you their contact info and have you send your resumé via email. Be on the ball by having copies of your tailored resumé printed and ready to send to them on the spot.

It's also smart to have generic resumés ready to give out and send on the chance that an opportunity becomes available.

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Grilled Peach and Greens with Yogurt Dressing. This refreshingly sweet salad also works with nectarines or apricots

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This recipe serves four. EMILY RICHARDS

Summer is about relaxing and having easy dinners that don't take much time.

Perhaps that means putting your favourite protein on the grill or warming up leftovers from the night before.

Looking for pre-marinated meats and fish in your favourite grocery store helps to take the thinking out of the main dish, but it's just as easy to put something together at home.

A quick combination of oil, wine or vinegar, garlic, mustard and your favourite spice or herb will enhance any beef, chicken or fish dish and add some juiciness with flavour.

Once you have that under way, you can put together a flavourful side dish or salad that will stand alongside it.

It doesn't need to take long, but taking advantage of what the summer has to offer is always a great idea.

So change it up and combine some summer sweet fruit with your salad and serve it up alongside that favourite grilled meat or fish.

This is a refreshingly sweet salad that is sure to please. Peaches, once grilled, become sweeter and juicy and match up beautifully with this yogurt dressing.

Ingredients

- 2 ripe peaches
- 1/2 tsp (2 ml) canola oil
- 4 cups (1 l) lightly packed baby spinach or mixed greens
- 2 tbsp (25 ml) sliced almonds, toasted
- 1 tbsp (15 ml) chopped fresh mint

Honey Yogurt Dressing

- 2 tbsp (30 ml) vanilla or plain non-fat yogurt
- 2 tsp (10 ml) liquid honey
- 2 tsp (10 ml) canola oil
- Pinch freshly ground black pepper

FLASH FOOD

From your fridge to your table in 30 minutes or less

1. Cut each peach in half and remove pit. Brush peach halves with oil and place on greased grill over medium high heat cut side down first. Close lid and grill, turning once for about 5 minutes or until golden and tender. Remove to plate.

2. Honey Yogurt Dressing: In a small bowl, whisk together yogurt, honey and oil.

3. Add spinach, almonds and mint and toss to coat evenly. Divide among 4 plates and top with peach halves to serve.

Dinner. Grilled Rosemary and Garlic Chicken Thighs

Chicken thighs are a cheaper cut of chicken but rich in flavour.

They are very tender and easy to use for any quick weeknight meal.

This recipe is easy to grill and perfect served up along side the salad.

1. In large bowl, stir together the extra-virgin oil, minced garlic, grated lemon rind and juice, dry white wine (or chicken broth) and rosemary. Add chicken thighs and toss to coat. Cover and refrigerate for at least 30 minutes.

2. Place the marinated thighs on greased grill over medium-high heat. Close lid and grill for about 12 minutes, turning once or until juices run clear when pierced with knife.

EMILY RICHARDS

Ingredients

- 1 tbsp (15 ml) extra-virgin olive oil
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 2 tsp (10 ml) grated lemon rind
- 2 tbsp (30 ml) lemon juice
- 2 tbsp (30 ml) dry white wine or chicken broth
- 2 tbsp (30 ml) chopped fresh rosemary or 2 tsp (10 ml) dried rosemary, crushed
- 8 boneless skinless chicken thighs (about 1 lb/500 g)

This recipe serves five. MATTHEW MEAD/ THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Fennel and fat go together

Fennel loves fat. That's why fennel seeds are such a common seasoning in sausages. They contribute a mildly peppery, fresh flavour that cuts through the delicious heaviness of the rich meat.

Play up that balance with a grilled sausage sandwich that has a triple dose of fennel — fennel seeds in the sausage, fresh fennel bulb shaved and piled on top, and more fennel seeds in the dressing.

Want to dress up the rolls more? Slice sweet onions into thick slabs, coat them with oil and slap them on the grill, too.

Ingredients

- 5 fennel sausage links
- 1 bulb fennel, trimmed
- 1 red bell pepper, cored
- 2 tsp fennel seeds, crushed
- 2 tbsp white balsamic vinegar
- 2 tbsp mayonnaise
- 2 tbsp whole-grain Dijon mustard
- Kosher salt and ground black pepper
- 5 crusty grinder rolls, to serve

1. Heat grill to medium. Oil grill grates with an oil-soaked paper towel held with tongs.

2. Grill sausages for 20 minutes, turning regularly.

3. While sausages grill, make fennel slaw. Use a mandoline or food processor to shave the fennel and red pepper very thinly. Alternatively, use a knife to slice the fennel and pepper as thinly as possible.

4. In bowl, whisk crushed fennel seed, vinegar, mayonnaise and mustard. Add fennel and red pepper, tossing to coat with the dressing. Season with salt and pepper.

5. To serve, place each sausage in a roll and top with the slaw.

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Pospisil's bubble popped

Tennis. Canadian upstarts fall on hard times in opening matches of Rogers Cup

Left image: Vasek Pospisil returns a shot during his loss to Richard Gasquet on Tuesday at York University in Toronto. Right image: Roger Federer acknowledges the crowd after his 6-2, 6-0 win over Peter Polansky on Tuesday night. Go to metronews.ca for more Rogers Cup coverage. RONALD MARTINEZ/GETTY IMAGES

Good times in Canadian tennis were rolling, right up until play started at the Rogers Cup on Tuesday.

One by one, three of the five Canadian men in the field bowed out of the Toronto tournament, as Vasek Pospisil lost to Richard Gasquet, Frank Dancevic fell to Donald Young and Brayden Schnur was defeated by Andreas Seppi.

Pospisil, who reached the final of the Citi Open on Sunday before losing to fellow Canadian Milos Raonic, was hampered by a right leg injury and fell 7-5, 7-5 to Gasquet in a rematch from last week.

"I think I'm just a little bit tired mentally, maybe," Pospisil said. "Just been on the road a lot of weeks. You need to be 100 per cent at this level if you're playing against Richard. I wasn't feeling a hundred per cent today."

Adding injury to insult on a rough day for Canadian tennis, Pospisil was set to have an MRI on the adductor injury, which also forced him to withdraw from doubles play. The Vancouver native was set to team up with American Jack Sock to face Gasquet and Jo-Wilfried Tsonga, who advanced on a walkover.

Pospisil said he had been bothered by the "strange feeling" in his leg off and on for a few weeks but didn't think it would be a long-term problem that would keep him out of next week's event in Cincinnati or the U.S. Open.

The crowd was understandably behind Pospisil as he gutted through the injury.

"He has an extra motivation because it's being home," Gasquet said. "It's the same when I'm playing in France. But yeah, he had big expectations on him, especially here in Toronto."

The loss drops Pospisil from 27th to out of the top 40 in the ATP rankings. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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In Montreal

Power outage for Eugenie

Shelby Rogers scored a shocking 6-0, 2-6, 6-0 victory over the listless crowd favourite Eugenie Bouchard at the women's Rogers Cup on a Tuesday thrown into confusion by a more than seven-hour power outage.

Play went on despite the lack of electricity, which shut down scoreboards and umpires' microphones.

Bouchard, from Westmount, Que., suffered her own power shortage after walking to centre court to a standing ovation.

The 20-year-old, perhaps rusty from not having played since reaching the Wimbledon final last month, couldn't make a shot in the first set, hitting normally routine shots long or wide. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Eugenie Bouchard can only scratch her head during her shocking loss to Shelby Rogers on Tuesday in Montreal. PAUL CHIASSON/THE CANADIAN PRESS

CFL. Willy is the offensive player of the week

Drew Willy is the CFL's offensive player of the week after engineering a last-minute drive to give the Winnipeg Blue Bombers their fifth win of the season.

Willy's clutch play led the CFL West-leading Bombers (5-1-0) to a 27-26 road win over Hamilton on Thursday. He marched the Blue Bombers 94 yards down the field and found Nic Grigsby in the end zone with no time remaining on the clock to tie the game.

Lirim Hajrullahu then kicked the game-winning convert.

Willy completed 31-of-43 passes for a career-high 361 yards against Hamilton in winning his second offensive player of the week award of the season.

B.C. running back Andrew Harris won his third Canadian player of the week award this year, teammate Ronnie Yell won top defender honours and Hamilton kick and punt returner Quincy McDuffie took the special teams award. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Ottawa Redblacks

T.J. Hill released after five games

The Ottawa Redblacks have released veteran international linebacker T.J. Hill.

Hill, in his eighth CFL season, had 21 tackles and two sacks in five games with the expansion Redblacks this season.

The Redblacks also signed several players to contract extensions, including international defensive lineman Jonathan Williams, national offensive lineman J'Micheal Deane and international running back Chevon Walker, among others. THE CANADIAN PRESS

NBA. Spurs make history with hiring of Hammon

The San Antonio Spurs hired WNBA star Becky Hammon on Tuesday, making her the first full-time, paid female assistant on an NBA coaching staff.

Hammon, who now plans to retire from the San Antonio Stars, worked with coach Gregg Popovich and the Spurs last season and made a strong impression on the organization known for its forward thinking.

Last season, Hammon attended Spurs practices, film sessions and sat behind the bench for the NBA champions at home game this season.

"Having observed her working with our team this past season, I'm confident her basketball IQ, work ethic and interpersonal skills will be a great benefit to the Spurs," Popovich said. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Becky Hammon THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

4 SPORTS

Canada World Cup bid suggested by FIFA prez

CSA. Hosting the Under-20 Women's World Cup a necessary step to a successful bid for the men's tourney, says Sepp Blatter

FIFA president Sepp Blatter speaks during the opening press conference for the FIFA Women's Under-20 World Cup in Toronto on Monday. PETER POWER/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Sepp Blatter appeared at peace.

Perhaps it was lingering memories of a chaotic Brazilian World Cup that have FIFA's president so happy to be in Canada. Maybe it was a modestly attended news conference where he faced no questions about bidding corruption, 2018 World Cup host Russia's alleged military involvement in Ukraine or labour rights in 2022 host Qatar.

Whatever the reason, Canada suits Blatter just fine. So fine in fact that Blatter didn't have to be asked about a possible World Cup in Canada — he brought it up on his own.

"Let's go to see if you can bring the famous FIFA's World Cup we just played in Brazil to your country," he said Monday.

That's good news for Canadian soccer ahead of the Under-20 Women's World Cup, which begins Tuesday and runs through Aug. 24 in Toronto, Montreal, Edmonton and Moncton, N.B.

The 16-team event is a precursor to next year's Women's World Cup, which will move from 16 teams to 24.

Blatter called the tournaments a necessary step to a successful bid by the Canadian Soccer Association for the men's tournament.

"It's time. It's a project and if you're going to have a project like the FIFA World Cup, it takes some time," he said. "You have had the courage and it was necessary to (CSA president Victor Montagliani) to have the courage to ask, to organize FIFA's Women's World Cup with 24 teams. It will be the first time."

The CSA has said it plans to enter a formal bid for the 2026 World Cup.

Canada won the bidding to both women's tournaments in 2011 after its lone opposition, Zimbabwe, pulled out of consideration. Canada previously hosted the men's Under-17 World Cup in 1987 and the men's Under-20 World Cup in 2007, as well as the first women's under-20 tournament in 2002. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Canada stonewalled

Canada's Nichelle Prince, foreground, tries to find a way past Ghana's Grace Adams during second-half action of the Under-20 World Cup opener on Tuesday night in Toronto. Sherifatu Sumaila scored the game's lone goal as Ghana defeated Canada 1-0. CHRIS YOUNG/THE

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Baseball steroid case

Former Biogenesis clinic owner, A-Rod cousin arrested

A one-time clinic owner accused of providing performance-enhancing drugs to several Major League Baseball players and a cousin of Alex Rodriguez who injected the star with steroids have been charged in what prosecutors called a drug conspiracy, authorities said Tuesday.

Drug Enforcement Administration spokeswoman Mia Ro said Yuri Sucart was among nine people arrested. Also arrested was former Biogenesis of America clinic owner Anthony Bosch, who was charged Tuesday with conspiracy to distribute steroids, according to court records. The documents do not specify whether the charges are directly related to the Major League Baseball scandal.

Sucart, 52, was banned from the Yankees clubhouse, charter flights, bus and other team-related activities by MLB in 2009 after Rodriguez admitted he used steroids while with Texas from 2000 to 2003, saying Sucart obtained and injected the drugs for him. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

MLB. Orioles zip past Jays in Brett Lawrie's return ... to the dugout

Caleb Joseph, Jonathan Schoop and Chris Davis hit solo home runs as the Baltimore Orioles sent the Toronto Blue Jays to their fourth loss in a row on Tuesday with a 9-3 victory.

The Blue Jays, who returned from a 6-4 road trip, dropped to five games off the pace in the American League East behind the first-place Orioles, who won their third game in a row.

Third baseman Brett Lawrie, who suffered a broken finger in June, returned to the Blue Jays' lineup from the disabled list for the game.

Lawrie had a single in his only at-bat and left after three innings with a tight back. Danny Valencia took his place at third base.

Orioles right-hander Bud Norris (9-7) held the Blue Jays to seven hits and two runs on a homer by Colby Rasmus in 5-1/3 innings. Norris is 3-0 in five career starts against Toronto.

Blue Jays left-hander Mark Buehrle (11-8) allowed 10 hits, including two home runs, three walks and four runs in four innings. He is 1-7 in his past 11 starts.

Mark Buehrle gave up four earned runs in four innings on Tuesday night. GETTY IMAGES

The Blue Jays (60-54) cut the lead in half in the fourth inning on a leadoff single by Dioner Navarro and, with two out, the 15th homer of the season by Rasmus.

The Orioles increased their lead to 9-3 in the eighth after Dustin McGowan allowed walks to Manny Machado and Delmon Young and a single to Adam Jones to load the bases. Nelson Cruz hit a sacrifice fly and J.J. Hardy singled in a run. THE CANADIAN PRESS

2014 Toyota RAV4

- **Type:** Four-door, front-wheel or all-wheel-drive compact SUV
- **Engine:** 2.5-litre four-cylinder (176 hp)
- **Transmission:** Six-speed automatic
- **Base price:** $23,870, plus destination

Market position

Almost everyone has a vehicle in the compact SUV market, and fierce competition means most are top-notch. The RAV4 scores with a lower starting price than most, while still offering numerous features and creature comforts.

Points

- The RAV4 offers considerable storage space, including hidden cubbies under the cargo floor, fold-flat seats, and a large tray in the dash.
- The seats are comfortable for short commutes, but can get hard on longer drives, so be aware if you're planning to take long trips in it.
- Eco or Sport modes let you adjust for efficiency or performance.

With the spare tire moved inside, RAV4 gets a top-hinged liftgate.

Safety features

Eight airbags, including driver's knee; wiper de-icer; available lane-departure warning; available blind-spot monitor with cross-traffic alert.

Redesigned RAV4 revs it up

PHOTOS: JIL MCINTOSH

Review. Toyota's new compact SUV is a big improvement over the previous model

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Canadians love compact SUVs, so automakers are continually improving their entries in this highly competitive segment.

Toyota completely redesigned its RAV4 for 2013. The 2014 version undergoes minor trim changes, including a standard navigation system on the top-line Limited.

My tester was the base LE with front-wheel drive, which starts at $23,870, along with a $1,500 Upgrade Package that added such features as heated seats, backup camera, cargo cover, silver roof rails, and audio display screen.

An all-wheel-drive system is optional on the LE and mid-range XLE trim line, and is the only choice on the top-line Limited. The AWD primarily runs the front wheels in normal driving, but will send power to the rear wheels when needed in slippery conditions.

Although the previous-generation RAV4 could be ordered with a V6, all models now use a 2.5-litre four-cylinder that makes 176 horsepower, and is mated to a six-speed automatic transmission. You won't miss the V6; the four-cylinder does an excellent job, even when I had the vehicle fully loaded with passengers and luggage en route to the airport.

The interior looks fabulous, with a stitched dash and steering wheel.

The steering is a little too light for my liking, but that also translates into an easy trip around tight spots and into parking spaces. The ride is firm without being harsh but, overall, the RAV4 is very noisy, both from the tires and the engine, which can drone at certain speeds.

The spare tire used to be stored outside on the swing-out rear gate, but now that it's been moved inside under the cargo floor, the RAV4 gets a top-hinged liftgate, which I find more convenient.

The interior looks fabulous, including a stitched dash and steering wheel, easy-to-use controls, and considerable small-item storage for driver and passenger.

The rear seats can be a little tight for tall passengers — this is a compact, after all — but those back chairs easily fold flat for extra cargo space.

All in all, this latest-generation RAV4 is a considerable improvement over the old one, and a worthy contender in the small-utility segment.

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1 Ford Escape
Base price: $24,499
Available in FWD or AWD, the Escape offers a well-designed interior and three engines.

2 Volkswagen Tiguan
Base price:$24,990
Great handling and a 200-hp engine make it fun, while available AWD improves foul-weather stability.

3 Subaru Forester
Base price: $25,995
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Autopilot. Automotive researchers predict we will have self-driving cars on our roads by 2020, so why aren't we preparing for that?

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Regrets, I've had a few. By a few, I mean a few hundred.

The ones I'm prepared to speak about publicly mostly revolve around sports cars I should have bought, when they were just "used cars" and 25 years away from becoming the $1-million-plus classics they are today.

I guess we're always not doing things today that would make our futures better. Sometimes it comes down to the future being so cloudy, or taking such crazy turns, that you really have no chance of making the right decisions.

Other times, we can see the future clearly enough, but don't act accordingly. This latter type of misfire is what Paul Godsmark figures is happening right now in our society, as we head into a future where vehicles are self-driven and are able talk to each other and stay out of each other's way.

Godsmark trained in England as a civil engineer; he currently lives in Edmonton, and works as a transportation specialist. He is a member of the Autonomous Vehicle Task Force at ITS Canada, and co-founded the Canadian Automated Vehicles Centre of Excellence (CAVCOE), a non-profit organization devoted to researching and advocating for automated vehicles. If there are others in Canada with more insight into the economic and social implications of a driverless future than Godsmark, we're not aware of them. He believes that future is coming faster than people think.

"The technology is not just accelerating, the acceleration is accelerating," he says. He predicts there will be some driverless transportation in Canada by 2020, or sooner.

That's only six years away, so any decisions governments and businesses are making today about long-term projects had better be based on this new self-driving paradigm. Of course, they're not. That's what has Godsmark so frustrated.

"This will be a huge disruption. There are so many things we could be doing."

He says one of the main things we should be doing is due diligence on all transit plans, especially super-expensive ones, like LRTs and subways. We may not need them.

Godsmark also wonders about businesses that continue to invest long-term in the current paradigm, where large numbers of people need to buy and maintain their own vehicles. If cars can be programmed to show up when you need them, and drive off to someone else when you don't, we won't need nearly as many vehicles.

CAVCOE is proposing some kind of new federal group to lead regulatory matters for driverless vehicles, because such a future will impact all levels of Canadian society — not just the transportation space.

Godsmark notes that health costs, tax revenues, jobs, municipal land, and natural resources are just a few of the areas that will drastically change under the driverless paradigm.

"We want to get the message out that we're all stakeholders, every single one of us," he says. "We all need to be aware of the potential changes."

Autonomous autos

"The technology is not just accelerating, the acceleration is accelerating."

Paul Godsmark, Canadian Automated Vehicles Centre of Excellence

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Horoscopes by Sally Brompton

♈ Aries
March 21 - April 20
Try not to give the impression that you don't know what is going on because that will encourage rivals to keep you in the dark. Pretend you are on top of everything.

♉ Taurus
April 21 - May 21
Over the next few days you will have to strike a balance between the needs of loved ones, employers and other important people. Be smart.

♊ Gemini
May 22 - June 21
There will be times today when it seems that for every step forward you take you end up taking two steps backwards. It may be frustrating but go with the flow and don't get uptight.

♋ Cancer
June 22 - July 23
If you carry on spending money at the present rate you will soon be out of cash. It's time to be honest with yourself about how wasteful you have been lately.

♌ Leo
July 24 - Aug. 23
You will have to deal with someone who gets emotional for no good reason. They may be in tears but you must stay focus on what needs to be done.

♍ Virgo
Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
You seem to be interested in strange ideas and people are starting to worry. They need not be concerned, you're just going through a rebellious phases when you refuse to be logical.

♎ Libra
Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
You expect great things of yourself, but sometimes you go too far and set targets that are impossible to reach. What happens over the next few days will bring you back to earth.

♏ Scorpio
Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
The approaching full moon will make everyone a bit touchy over the next few days, so make allowances for them and make allowances for yourself as well.

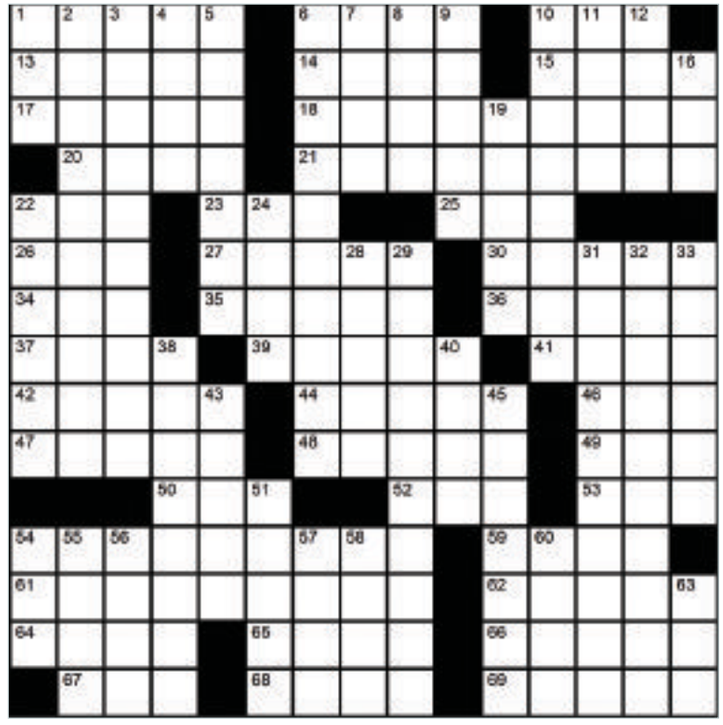
♐ Sagittarius
Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
What happens around the time of the full moon will turn everything upside-down, so there is no point taking anything too seriously. Go where there is laughter and fun.

♑ Capricorn
Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
You seem to believe that the best way to solve a problem is to throw money at it. All you will succeed in doing is wasting even more of your precious resources. Think again.

♒ Aquarius
Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
The approaching full moon, which takes place in your birth sign this weekend, will upset your emotional equilibrium. But it'll also make you sensitive to the needs of partners.

♓ Pisces
Feb. 20 - March 20
Others may say that you have got something all wrong but you must not allow them to change your opinion.

Crossword: Canada Across and Down by Kelly Ann Buchanan



Across
1. Happy as _ __!
6. Learning basics
10. __-Fi
13. Link with: 2 wds.
14. Run fast
15. TTFN's 'TT'
17. Mil. rank, __. __.
18. Central and Mountain ...in Canada: 2 wds.
20. Racetrack fence
21. Canadian series "Riverdale", for one: 2 wds.
22. Distinguished [abbr.]
23. Checkout scanner's target [acronym]
25. Jr.s' dads
26. "Diva __ _ Dime"
27. Bundle
30. Portia de __
34. Marry
35. Ms. Lauper
36. "Children __ __" (2006) starring Clive Owen
37. Svelte
39. __ Miller Band (More at #54-Across)
41. Rooters
42. Mr. Baldwin's
44. Careens
46. Composer, Francis __
47. Rick __ (Canadian member of The Band)
48. Salts sort
49. Mil. officers
50. __ _ few days
52. A-U link
53. Fido's doc
54. #39-Across tune that goes "Come on and dance..."
59. Mr. Redding
61. All day/all night store sign: wd. + number + abbr.
62. Stories
64. "Hello, __ _._. Hinton." ...said The Outsiders author
65. Hanker
66. Luau dances
67. Farm pen
68. Words: French
69. Leaves in, in proofreading

Down
1. Nfld.'s water
2. Bug Off! __ candles
3. Founded in Quebec City in 1806, it was a French politically-motivated newspaper: 2 mots
4. "Bonne Fete _ __..."
5. Snail, for one, variantly
6. "Canada is our stage.": National __ __
7. Actor Scott
8. Dean Brody trophy, e.g.
9. Oozes
10. Visits quickly: 2 wds.
11. Tapdancer's prop
12. Roman road
16. Botanist Mr. Gray
19. Antonio Banderas' masked character
22. "Such a shame.": 2 wds.
24. __. Ed. (Gym class)
28. Take _ __ breath...
29. Smell, sight, touch, sound and taste: 2 wds.
31. Young Clark Kent series on Canadian actress Kristin Kreuk's resume
32. Red Chamber chair?: 2 wds.
33. Assert
38. The Kids in the Hall member Mark
40. Morlocks munchies
43. Blur hit: wd. + number
45. Polishes
51. 8am-starting workers ...when do they go home?: wd. + number + two letters
54. "__ _ heard..."
55. Typing stats
56. Superlative suffix
57. Cincinnati's state
58. 'Weren't', abbreviated
60. Pulled tightly
63. "Hiss!"

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Sudoku

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Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved.

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	1						5	
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		3				9		
			2		1			

Yesterday's Sudoku

2	6	8	4	9	7	1	3	5
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6	7	1	8	3	9	5	4	2
8	4	2	1	6	5	3	9	7
3	5	9	7	4	2	6	1	8
9	2	7	6	8	1	4	5	3
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